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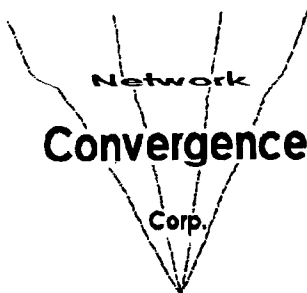
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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
USDOJ  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I believe the settlement agreement reached between the Justice Department and Microsoft Corp. is fair to both parties, and I urge the court to approve it as written.

Under the settlement, Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against software or hardware developers who develop or promote software that competes with Windows or that runs on software that competes with Windows. It also agreed not to retaliate against computer makers who ship this software or enter into any agreements obligating any third party distributor to promote any Windows technology exclusively or in a fixed percentage.

I further believe that breaking up Microsoft would not accomplish any useful purpose; hence, it is very important that the settlement be implemented as written.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John S. Koval".  
John S. Koval  
President